

**“This is another act of political theatre, reflected in a press release longer than the accompanying legal petition. Only Governor Perry’s purposeful alteration of the application is temporarily delaying these funds. Yesterday the Secretary of Education indicated that these funds were being held for Texas, since the Governor has already told the Department that eventually ‘the State envisions submitting an application at a later date that does not contain the conditional assurances.’ He knows what needs to be done to secure this aid; just sign the application form as he did on July 1, 2009. This struggle is about seeing that the State does not deny aid to education to local schools solely because they have received additional federal aid. The bottom line is this: Federal aid to education should actually aid education in our local Texas schools. It is almost as if the Governor felt he was entitled to his own blank check federal bailout and now he has the lawsuit to prove it,” said Rep. Doggett.**

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